

# Pokagon State Park

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## And Other Park Events!

**Park Manager:** Ted Bohman  
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**September, 2012**

### Potawatomi Inn Activities!

**There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn.**

Come take a ride on "The Lonidaw," a replica of a 1902 model electric boat built by Elco. Guests are taken on a 45-minute leisurely tour of the first and second basin of Lake James where they learn the history of the lake and Pokagon State Park. The boat launches several times daily (during the morning hours and late afternoons). Prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for children under 12. See Inn for details.



*Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...*

*All Programs are Eastern Daylight Savings Time!*

*Catch this and all of your favorite State Park Interpretive Schedules at [www.interpretiveservices.in.gov](http://www.interpretiveservices.in.gov).*

### Tuesday August 28

- 10:30am **Seed Searchin' and Sowin'.** It's a work project, but a fun one! Join Lauren at the Potawatomi Inn Main Entrance. From there, we'll walk over to the bike trail, with bags in hands and collect native bottle brush grass seeds. We'll then walk to nearby areas that were disturbed by last winter's tree removal, and sow the seeds in repaired spots. It's a great way to help us out, while also enjoying the resources of a nice late summer day! LL
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour.** It's our patch and bandana program for kids and families. Stop by the Nature Center and learn how you can work towards a patch, pin, or bandana. We meet one hour a day to get you started or help you as you are working along. No groups please. MH
- 3:00pm **Milkweeds and Monarchs!** Come to the Nature Center Program Area where we'll make a few comments about these beautiful butterflies and the plants on which they depend. We'll then walk the bike trail to the old field habitat where the plants occur and hopefully find some eggs and/or caterpillars! MH



### Wednesday August 29

- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour.** See Tuesday, August 28 for details. MH

### Thursday August 30

- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour.** See Tuesday, August 28 for details. MH

**Nature Center Summer hours until Labor Day: Daily, 10am to 5pm**

**Autumn Hours beginning Sept. 4: Weekdays, 1pm to 5pm Weekends: 10am to 5pm**

## Friday August 31

- 10:30am **A Potawatomi Exploration.** Gather at the Inn Main Entrance for a 1½ hour discovery hike into the relatively untouched wilds of the Potawatomi Nature Preserve. MH
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour.** See Tuesday, August 28 for details. MH
- 3:00pm **Cattail Twining!** It's a short, crafty program meeting out on the Nature Center Back Deck. Join us for a different look at one of our important wetland plants and take home some cattail twine or a bracelet that you make yourself! FW

## Saturday September 1

- 10:00am **Bike Hike History Tour!** Meet at the Trading Post Camper Store for this special interpretive history tour via bicycle! Interpreter peddler Lauren will lead this adventure taking us to historic structures along our paved bike trail. We'll visit the front gatehouse, old animal pens site, county road bridge, and wind up at the spring shelter for a little refreshment. You may use your own bike or rent one from the Trading Post for \$7.00, first come, first serve. LL
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour.** See Tuesday, August 28 for details. MH
- 3:00pm **Snakes Alive!** Come to the Nature Center Program Area for a short "show 'n' tell" type session on one of our most interesting, but often misunderstood group of animals. A good program, especially if you're uncomfortable around these reptiles. MH



## Sunday September 2

- 8:00am **Late Summer in the Marsh Morning Meander.** Join us for our traditional Sunday morning hike leaving from the Potawatomi Inn Sun Deck. Binoculars recommended or borrow a pair of ours for this 1 ½ hour walk down to the County Road Marsh and back. MJ
- 10:00am **Informal Church Service at the Campground Amphitheater.**
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour.** See Tuesday, August 28 for details. LL
- 3:00pm **Make Believe Fairy House Making!** Let your imagination and fascination with Nature come together on this fun nature craft program where you design and build little shelters for Nature Fairies. It's a fun program for children and for adults wishing they still were! Join Ranger Lauren on the Nature Center Front Lawn. LL

## Monday September 3 - Labor Day!

- 8:00am **End of Summer Season Saunter.** Wrap up the weekend and summer season with an early morning walk before heading home. See Sunday, September 2 at 8:00am for details. FW
- 1:30pm **Hoosier Quest Patch and Pin Program Hour.** See Tuesday, August 28 for details. MH

## Saturday September 8

- 11am to 1pm **Cardboard Boat Regatta!** This afternoon, on the Pokagon State Park, Potawatomi Inn Beach, the local Steuben County United Way will host its annual Cardboard Boat Regatta! Potential boat builders and racers can contact United Way at: 665-6196 or at [http://unitedwaysteuben.org/Boat\\_Race.php](http://unitedwaysteuben.org/Boat_Race.php). Even if you are not entering a boat, stop by to vote on your favorite watercraft and watch the great fun as they race! **Race time is 1:00pm!**
- 3:00pm **Tree ID Spree.** Come to the Nature Center Program Area for a brief talk on how to identify some common northeast Indiana trees. It's a great program for anyone doing leaf collections this fall. MH



## Sunday September 9

- 8:00am **Early Morning Meander.** See Sunday, September 2 at 8:00am for details. FW

## Saturday September 15

- 9:00am **Bluebird Hills Hiking!** Put on your walking shoes for this one! We'll meet at the Spring Shelter, and hike towards Hell's Point, then branch off on to Trail 7 and circle around in our Bluebird Hills area. It's a good walk, so a water bottle or canteen may come in handy. Total distance is about 3 miles. MH
- 3:00pm **Watercolor Walk.** Get in touch with your artistic side on this fun program meeting at the Inn Main Entrance. With a good old-fashioned watercolor kit, we'll take a short walk to Lake Lonidaw, spread out and take a few moments to capture something simple that catches our eye. No experience necessary. Fun for the family! MH

## Sunday September 16

8:00am **Late Summer Sunday Saunter.** See Sunday, September 2 at 8:00am for details. MH

## Saturday September 22

2:00pm **Fall Flora and Fauna of Fields and Forests.** Gather at the Nature Center front deck for a short, 45 minute walk taking us through a variety of habitats and the plants special to them on this first full day of Autumn. LL

## Sunday September 23

8:00am **Autumn Morning Meander.** Join us for our traditional Sunday Morning Walk on this first Sunday of Autumn! See Sunday, September 2 at 8:00am for details. FW



*Sea Plane Splash-In today on the Potawatomi Inn Lawn.*

*Planes arriving 8am to 2pm.*

*Stop by to view planes, talk with pilots and sign up  
for a drawing for a free ride.*

*For more information, visit [www.seaplanepilots.org/inspa](http://www.seaplanepilots.org/inspa)*

## Saturday September 29

10:00am **Wetland Wander.** Gather at the Inn Lobby by the front desk. We'll then take off on a short walk down into the Potawatomi Nature Preserve and investigate the wetlands at Lake Lonidaw and those around the two bridges of Trail 3. We'll be out about an hour. LL

7:30pm to 10:00pm **Annual Autumn Harvest Hoedown!** Gather at the South Beach Parking Lot for some music, square dancing, campfire, and all around great time! The music will be supplied by Prairie Fire String Band. A square dance caller will lead us in the steps. No experience necessary. Local Boy Scout Troop 125 will be selling hotdogs, candy, pop, and cocoa. Great family fun!

## Sunday September 30

8:00am **Autumn Morning Meander.** See Sunday, September 2 at 8:00am for details. FW

